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REMARKS

Claims 1 4-6 and 9-72 are pending in the instant application. Claims 22-57 have been withdrawn in a previous action. Claims 58, 63, 65 and 66 have been amended and claim 64 has been canceled, leaving claims 1 4-6, 9-63 and 65-72 for consideration. Claim 63 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a). Further, claims 58-62 and 67-72 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 4-6 and 9-21 are allowed while claims 64-66 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants cordially thank the Examiner for indication of the same. No new matter has been entered by this amendment.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

Claim 63 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0181223 A1 to Ryu et al. (hereinafter "Ryu"). Claim 63 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 64, which has been indicated as being allowable, thus rendering the rejection to claim 63 moot. Claim 64 has been canceled by this amendment. For at least this reason, the Applicants submit that claim 63 is not anticipated by Ryu and respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejection. Claims 65-72 depend from what should be an allowable claim 63. For at least this reason, the Applicants submit that claims 63 and 65-72 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claims 58-62 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Ryu et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0181223 A1). Applicants respectfully traverse.

It is respectfully noted that paragraph [0043] of Ryu et al. relied upon by the Examiner for the rejection of claim 58 discloses that "each micro cell 212, 213, 214 or 215 is formed to

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have a diversity of shapes such as a cone as shown in the drawings, one of polypyramids inclusive of a triangular pyramid, a cylinder, a polyhedron, and the like." (Column 3, lines 11-14 and FIGS. 6a, 6b, 7a and 7b.) In contrast, the present invention in amended claim 58 recites "each of the dots having a cross-sectional profile of triangular grooves being linked together and elongated in a specific direction, the direction aligned parallel with the light incident surface." Thus the above enumerated shapes of Ryu et al. do not teach or suggest that the triangular grooves of the present invention are linked together. For at least the reasons advanced above with respect to claim 58, it is believed that amended claim 58, including claims depending therefrom, i.e., claims 59-62, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 67-72 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Ryu et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0181223 A1.) Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 67-72 depend from claim 63, which is submitted as being allowable for defining over Ryu et al. for the reasons discussed above. Furthermore, it is respectfully noted that further use of the Ryu et al. reference in these rejections does not overcome the deficiencies noted above with respect to the same Ryu et al. reference in amended independent claim 63 from which claims 67-72 depend.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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